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"Seems to be" uncle de Bruyne why is there?
I expect because my letter was "uncle" Van't Sant
Plus C/D The letter was written by ACES
anyway!!

Thank you very much for your letter CD/3444
of October 9th.

There is surely
an explanation

From what I hear, things are not too happy in
Dutch Government circles anywhere. Of course you
realise that Colonel de Bruyne's statements are apt to
be tainted, as are the statements made by various
Dutch officers about de Bruyne. I believe the idea
that Van't Sant has "three or four private agents in
Holland", with whom he communicates, is rubbish.
He may have, and probably has, some vague postal contacts
via Lisbon or Switzerland. They all do. But when you
say he does this without the knowledge of the Dutch
Government, I should think this is incorrect, in that
the Queen, who is the head of that Government, knows
everything that he does.

I note what you tell me about the meeting
arranged with Gubbins and Whitney Shepardson. My
impression was most strongly that Whitney Shepardson
has nothing to do with S.O.E. work, but merely S.I.S.
However we will speak to him about that and any
statements de Bruyne has made.

In conclusion, I have no doubt that
Colonel de Bruyne is trying to get behind Van't Sant's
back, or behind the backs of any other Dutchman who is
likely to get his job. On the other hand, several others
are probably reciprocating in full. Is not this a state
which exists with every emigré Government now in London?
We have to accept it as one of the burdens we have to
bear.

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